III.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Gazetted Officers of the Revenue Department

*1 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Subbiah Chettiar): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any time-limit has been prescribed for the Gazetted Officers in the Revenue Department in the Districts to serve in a division; and

(*b*) the number of the persons for whom exemption has been given in this regard in Tiruchirappalli district and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (on behalaf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): (*a*) Generally no Deputy Collector is retained in the same Divisional charge for more than three years, save for exceptional reasons.

(*b*) The Revenue Divisional Officer, Musiri, Sri S Subbayyan, was retained in the same division for more than three years for administrative reasons.

Political Prisoners

*2 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of political prisoners in jails in the State as on 1st November 1961?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): There are no prisoners at present, classified as "Political Prisoners".

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Is it a fact that there was overcrowding in these jails so much so that there was a writ petition filed by one of the prisoners in the Tiruchirappalli Jail?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I am afraid the supplementary question does not arise from this question, because this relates to Political Prisoners".

Advances and loans to Government servants

*3 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) department-wise, the number of applications for the grant of advances and loans to Government servants for construction of houses, received from 1st January 1961 to 31st October 1961;

(*b*) the number of applications disposed of; and

(*c*) the number of applications not disposed of and the dates of those applications?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) & (b) A statement is placed on the table of the house.

(c) There is no application pending with Government.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : May I know the reason why the last portion of my question, namely, clause (c), has not been answered by the Government? The date of the applications has not been given.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Clause (c) relates to the number of applications not disposed of and the dates of those applications. There is no application pending with the Government. Therefore, we do not think it necessary to answer the other part.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What I would like to know from the Hon. Minister is whether it is fact that there has been considerable delay between the date of the application and the date of sanctioning of the advances.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A certain amount of time is necessary for verification of details. Beyond that, there has been no instance brought to our notice of inordinate delay.

Oriental Colleges

* 4 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the enhanced dearness allowance of Rs. 12 and Rs. 5 are paid to the members of the staff of Oriental Colleges; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) : The payment of dearness allowance to the staff of Oriental Colleges is left to the discretion of the managements. Expenditure on dearness allowance paid at Government rates will, however, be taken into account for purposes of grant.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it not the policy of the Government to see that especially dearness allowance is paid to employees along with other teachers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is why the Government make grants equivalent to what they have laid down as Government scales of dearness allowance.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Am I to understand that all these oriental colleges have not yet paid this allowance?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The information that I have shows that there is only one college which does not get any grant from the Government. That is the college at Perambur.

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